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CERTIFIED VENDORS ANNOUNCED, DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED

BATON ROUGE, LA – Secretary of State W. Fox McKeithen announces voting system vendors that have met Louisiana Department of State certification standards for 2005. Only certified vendors will be allowed to participate in the upcoming request for proposal process for the purchase of voting systems for use in Louisiana for both absentee- and election-day voting.

Certified vendors include: Advanced Voting Solutions, Elections Systems and Software, and Sequoia Voting System.

All certified vendors will participate in demonstrations throughout the state over the next two weeks. The demonstrations will be held as follows for the public, members of the legislature, clerks of court, registrars of voters and Parish Boards of Election Supervisors:

2005 Department of State Schedule of Certified Vendor Demonstrations

Monday, Feb. 14, 2005	The Atrium Hotel Monroe, Louisiana	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005	*Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans, Louisiana	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005	Embassy Suites Baton Rouge, Louisiana	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 25, 2005	The Hotel Acadiana Lafayette, Louisiana	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

^{*}denotes location change from originally released schedule